Grants to the Bharat Sevak Samaj and State Social Welfare Advisory Board.

* 526 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government give any grant or subsidy to Bharat Sevak Samaj and Social Service Board or spend any money through the agency of these organizations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government do not give any grant or subsidy to the Bharat Sevak Samaj. But in the case of the State Social Welfare Advisory Board they have agreed to contribute up to a maximum of Rs. 12,500 representing 25 per cent of the total cost of Rs. 50,000 for each Welfare Extension Project sanctioned for this State and 50 per cent of the cost of the headquarters staff of the Board."

Preparation of Telugu Encyclopædia.

11-30 a.m. * 527 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Government are still proceeding with the work of preparation of a Telugu Encyclopædia; and

(b) if so, why the work has not been transferred to the Andhra Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) This Government are not preparing the Telugu Encyclopædia. The Telugu Basha Samiti, Madras, is doing it.

" (b) Does not arise."

Appointment of village magistrates in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks.

* 528 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many vacancies of village magistrates were filled up in (i) Chirakkal and (ii) Kottayam taluks in 1953–54; and

(b) whether any candidates for such post were considered to be disqualified for political reasons?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a)
(i) Chirakkal taluk—Nine.
(ii) Kottayam taluk—Four.

" (b) No."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In November 1954, one Mr. E. Koman Nambiar of Kaliyasseri village was said to be disqualified on grounds that he belonged to a family which participated in the National struggle in 1930–40. He was referred to the Proceedings of the Collector of Malabar (Mr. C. F. V. Williams), No. 8771/40, dated the 21st December 1940.

Is that order held to be valid even to-day when the Britishers have already quit this land? If it holds good even now, then will not that order also bind the Hon. the Ministers who have participated in the National movement? Will the Government, therefore, conduct an enquiry into the matter and see that this injustice is removed? ''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' The main question is how many vacancies were filled up in Chirakkal, etc.''

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' I beg to refer you, Sir, to clause (*b*) of the question. The Minister said in reply ' none ' and I have given this instance.''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' I have no information as regards facts relating to the pre-Independence period. It is all ancient history. As regards present times, nobody is disqualified for political reasons. If anybody was disqualified as such, it was in 1939 or 1940.''

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' I gave a representation in November last to the Hon. the Minister.''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—'' May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether these appointments are made on a hereditary basis? Also, how many people are selected for these posts from backward communities? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' In areas, where the ' Hereditary Act ' prevails, appointments are made on a hereditary basis. In other cases, it is not so.''

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—'' What are the magisterial powers given to these village magistrates? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' These village magistrates are not different from the Tamilnad village officers.''

Responsibilities of Police authorities in regard to stay-in and hunger-strikes by workers.

* 529 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently sent any circular to District Officials clarifying the legal position in regard to hunger-strikes and stay-in-strikes resorted to by workers for the redress of their grievances; and

(*b*) whether it was sent with the intention of starting proceedings against the workers resorting to such strikes?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Government have had occasion to examine the legal position with regard to the responsibilities of the police authorities in